

Amendments

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device for adjusting ~~a rest portion~~ the rest width of a seat, the multi-way adjustment device comprising a mounting plate (1),
an adjustment adjusting part (7) which is mounted so as to be displaceable relative to the mounting plate and is to be coupled with the a rest portion of the seat ~~which is mounted so as to be displaceable relative to the mounting plate (1), and~~
an adjusting unit (6) for displacing the adjustment adjusting part (7) relative to the mounting plate (1), ~~which adjustment part (7) is coupled with mechanical energy storage means (5) in such a way that when the adjustment part (7) is displaced in a first adjustment direction (A) relative to the mounting plate (1), mechanical energy is absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means (5), whereas a movement of the adjusting part (7) in and~~
a second adjustment direction (B) ~~relative to the mounting plate (1) is assisted by the release of mechanical energy previously absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means (5), whereby one of the first and second adjustment directions is for reducing the rest width~~
and the other of the first and second adjustment directions is for increasing the rest width.

whereby the adjusting part is coupled with mechanical energy storage means in such a way that, when the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction relative to the mounting plate, mechanical energy is absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means, whereas a displacement of the adjusting part in the second adjustment direction relative to the mounting plate is assisted by the release of the mechanical energy previously absorbed by the mechanical energy storage means.

2. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the first adjustment direction (~~A~~) is essentially opposite to the second adjustment direction(~~B~~).

3. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the adjusting unit (~~6~~) is electro-mechanically operated.

4. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) comprises a first end portion (~~2~~) to be coupled with the rest portion and a second end portion (~~4~~) to be coupled with the mechanical energy storage means(~~5~~).

5. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means (~~5~~) are coupled on the one hand with the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) and on the other hand with the mounting plate(~~1~~).

6. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means has at least one resiliently elastic element (~~5~~) which absorbs mechanical energy when the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) is displaced in the first adjustment direction (~~A~~) and releases mechanical energy when the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) is adjusted in the second adjustment direction (~~B~~).

7. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 6, characterised in that the at least one resiliently elastic element (~~5~~) is designed and disposed so that it is tensioned as the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) is displaced in the first adjustment direction (~~A~~) and relaxed when the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~) is displaced in the second adjustment direction (~~B~~).

8. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 5, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means comprises two resiliently elastic elements (~~5~~), one of which resiliently elastic elements (~~5~~) is disposed along a longitudinal side of the ~~adjustment~~ adjusting part (~~7~~).

9. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means has at least one resiliently elastic element which absorbs mechanical energy when the adjusting part is displaced in the first adjustment direction and releases mechanical energy when the adjusting part is

adjusted in the second adjustment direction, and in that the at least one resiliently elastic element (~~5~~) is coupled on the one hand with the second end portion (~~4~~) of the adjusting part (~~7~~) and on the other hand with the mounting plate (~~1~~).

10. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the adjusting part (~~7~~) is of an elongate design with a middle portion (~~3~~) disposed between a first end portion (~~2~~) and a second end portion (~~4~~) and the adjusting part (~~7~~) is mounted so as to be displaceable on the mounting plate by means of the middle portion (~~3~~).

11. (Currently amended) Multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that the first and second end portions (~~2, 4~~) of the ~~adjustment device (7)~~ adjusting part have a bigger width than the middle portion (~~3~~).

12. (Original) Seat with a multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1 for adjusting a rest portion of a seat.

13. (Original) Use of a multi-way adjustment device as claimed in claim 1 for adjusting the rest width of a seat.

14. (Currently amended) Adjustment device for a cable pull, comprising:

~~with a housing (7), which wherein the cable pull (11, 12) is displaceably mounted so as to~~
~~be displaceable~~ relative to the housing (7), and
~~having an adjusting unit (6) for displacing~~ adjusting the cable pull (11, 12) relative to the
housing (7),

~~characterised in that~~

wherein the cable pull (11, 12) is coupled with to mechanical energy storage means (5) so
that when in such a way that on adjustment of the cable pull (11, 12) is displaced in a first
adjustment direction (A), mechanical energy is ~~absorbed~~ taken up by the mechanical
energy storage means (5), ~~whereas a displacement while an adjustment of the cable pull~~
~~(11, 12) takes place~~ in a second adjustment direction (B) is assisted by the release of
previously taken up mechanical energy previously stored by from the mechanical energy
storage means (5),

wherein the first adjustment direction corresponds to a releasing of the cable pull and the
second adjustment direction corresponds to a tensioning of the cable pull.

15. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14,
characterised in that the cable pull is provided in the form of a Bowden wire and comprises
a wire (12) mounted so as to be displaceable in a sleeve (11), which wire (12) is coupled
with the mechanical energy storage means (5).

16. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 15,

characterised in that the sleeve (11) is supported on the housing (7) of the adjustment device and the wire (12) is guided in the interior of the housing (7), where it is coupled with the mechanical energy storage means (5).

17. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 15,

characterised in that the first adjustment direction (A) corresponds to a slackening of the Bowden wire and the second adjustment direction (B) corresponds to a tensioning of the Bowden wire.

18. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claims 14,

characterised in that the adjusting unit (6) is electrically operated.

19. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14,

characterised in that the adjusting unit (6) can be manually operated.

20. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14,

characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means are coupled with the housing (7) of the adjustment device.

21. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 14,

characterised in that the mechanical energy storage means comprise at least one resiliently elastic element (5) which absorbs mechanical energy when the cable pull (11, 12) is

displaced in the first adjustment direction (~~A~~) and releases mechanical energy when the ~~adjustment part (7)~~ the cable pull is displaced in the second adjustment direction(~~B~~).

22. (Currently amended) Adjustment device as claimed in claim 21, characterised in that the at least one resiliently elastic element (~~5~~) is designed and disposed so that it is tensioned when the cable pull (~~11, 12~~) is displaced in the first adjustment direction (~~A~~) and relaxed when the cable pull (~~11, 12~~) is displaced in the second adjustment direction(~~B~~).

23. (Original) Lumbar support comprising a Bowden wire coupled therewith and an adjustment device as claimed in claim 14 coupled with the Bowden wire for adjusting the lumbar support by displacing the Bowden wire.

24. (Original) Use of an adjustment device as claimed in claim 14 for adjusting a lumbar support.